

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A ~~friction~~ bearing for reducing friction with a support shell and a slide layer made of a bearing metal which is applied to the support shell, wherein the slide layer carries a cover layer forming a running layer whose thickness corresponds at most to the wear and tear of the cover layer expected during the average service life of the slide layer.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~A friction~~ The bearing according to claim 1, wherein the cover layer forming the running layer differs optically from the slide layer.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~A friction~~ The bearing according to claim 1, wherein the cover layer ~~consists of~~ comprises a sliding lacquer.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~A friction~~ The bearing according to claim 3, wherein the cover layer is covered by a sliding lacquer on the basis of graphite.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A friction~~ The bearing according to claim 3, wherein the cover layer is covered with a sliding lacquer on the basis of molybdenum sulfide.